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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the listed documents is also enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicant has obtained an English-language counterpart for Japanese Patent Appln. Laid-Open No. 10-232347 and attached it to the document.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each of the non-English documents was first cited in any Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

U.S. Patent No. 6,133,935 is the English-language counterpart of JP 10-23247 and was neither cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application nor, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making a reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual having a duty to disclose under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 (c) more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

Since the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing of a final Official Action on the merits of the application, Applicant submits herewith the \$180.00 Information Disclosure Statement fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in payment to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

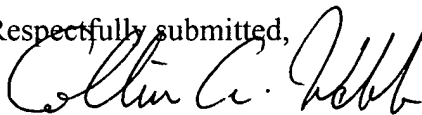
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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